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Calama, Sept. 11 de 1917

Sir Robert Falconer,
University of Toronto,

Dear Sir Robert,

My journeyings went smoothly till a week ago, after returning from Conception, in southern Chile, a charmingly green place; when I planned to start northly by rail to La Paz in Bolivia. The train had been taken off, however, apparently to economise coal which is worth $50 a ton; so I took a coasting steamer, fearfully overloaded with freight and passengers, for Antofagasta, half way to La Paz. The sea was so high at Antofagasta that we could not land and were carried to the next port and came back yesterday morning. There was a fearful scramble getting into boats and on the pier, and when I reached this place, 250 kilometres inland, I found that the contents of one of my pockets had been lost, or more probably stolen, including my traveler's cheques and steamboat ticket from Callao to Newyork. Long before this, reaches you I hope my cable asking to have $600 sent to the Anglo South-American Bank, Antofagasta, has arrived; and been responded to. I find myself with about 100 pesos (Chilean) or less than $30 Canadian, with which to return to Antofagasta and await funds.

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Today I visited the most wonderful copper mine in the world at Chuquicamata, 9,600 feet above the sea in the Andes; and collected a good set of specimens of its remarkable ores. Yesterday I passed through the famous nitrate fields, now very active in supplying England and the U.S. with nitrogen compounds for explosives, and got specimens there also.

My journey has been of great interest and value thus far; and if money arrives in time I hope to see La Paz, lake Titicaca and Cusco before taking ship for Panama and New York. This will probably make me a week late in returning unless I have the luck to make good connections and to get fast boats.

I had four beautiful days at Puente del Inca in the Argentinean Andes with splendid views of Aconcagua, the highest mountain in America, just before coming to Chile.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

A.P. Coleman

P.S. German influence is strong in Chile and sympathies are divided. In the other S. American countries I have been in the feeling seemed rather strongly pro-ally. There is very little Canadian news in the Spanish papers here.

A.P.C.

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April 20th, 1918

Professor A. P. Coleman,

University of Toronto.

Dear Professor Coleman:

In view of the fact that nearly all our younger alumni have been overseas for months and know France intimately at first hand I do not think that we could expect our Alumni Association to invest any amount of money for the purpose of presenting them with a book on Northern France. In fact there are so many of them it would be extremely difficult to make a selection. However, I am ordering one of these books for myself.

Yours sincerely,

President.